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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'.
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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I am aware, is its dark orange-red flowers.
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Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

5 The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the
flowers of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as
it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color
illustration of this character.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

5 The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural
10 conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during the month of November.

PLANT

15 Form: Upright
Growth: Very vigorous
Size: Height about 5 feet; width about 3 feet
Foliage
20 Size: Length about 3 inches; width about 1 1/2 inches
Quantity: About 5
Color
25 New foliage: Upper side near 146B; under side near 182C
Mature foliage: Upper side near 147A; under side near 147C
Shape: Elliptic
30 Texture: Upper side smooth; under side matte
Edge: Serrated
Serration: Serrate

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5 Petioles: Top surface color near 146B;
Under side near 147C

Stipules: Medium

Auricle: Small, slightly serrated

Rachis: Smooth

Variegation: None

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WOOD

New shoots

15 Bark: Smooth

Wood: Near 46A

Old wood

Bark: Smooth

Wood: Near 137C

20 Flowering stem: Length between 4 1/2 to 6
inches

Winter Hardiness: Completely winter hardy

Resistance to Disease: Fair

Temperature range: Between 16° and 120° F

25 Internode spacing: Usual

Preferred growing
conditions: Full sun

Growth habit: Upright

30 Leaves per stem: About 7

FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE

Blooming Habit: Continuous

Bud About 1 1/2 inches

35 Form: High centered

TOP SECRET - FRODO

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5 Color: Before sepals divide color
near 46B; when sepals first
divide color near 47B; when
petals begin to unfurl color
near 47D

10 Sepals: Regular; thin on end, thicker
on tip

Size: Length in relation to bud
about 1 3/8 inches

Color Topside near 158A; bottom
near 147B

15 Peduncle

Length: About 4 1/2 inches

Strength: Erect

Color: Near 139D

20 Flower

Size: About 5 2/3 inches

Borne: Single

Form: Very high centered

Petalage: About 42

25 Petaloids in center: Few; between 3 to 4

Persistence: Good

Fragrance: Medium

Lasting Quality: About 3 weeks on plant; about
7 days after cutting

30 Color

During first 2 days: Inner petals at flower center
topside near 46C; bottom near
46D; outer petals topside
near 47D, bottom near 48C

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Base of petals

(Point of attachment): Near 2A

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General tonality from a distance: Near 4C

Color Change: Fades slightly; after 3 or more days fades to near 49A

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Petals

Texture: Thick

Shape: Wider than long

Arrangement: Imbricated

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Appearance: Velvety front / satiny back

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Arrangement of stamens, Regularly arranged around
Filaments and Anthers: styles

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Color: Filaments near 48A; Anthers near 48C

Pollen: No pollen

Styles: Medium length; color near 47C

Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries

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Shape: Round

Size: Small; about 1/2 inch

Color: Near 140A

Seeds: No seeds

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